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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI,

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WATCH OUT, SHANG-CHI!
HERE COMES THE
**DEATH-DEALING
SAMURAI!**



MARTIAL
ARTS
MAYHEM!
MARVEL
STYLE
ACTION!!

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

MASTER OF KUNG FU!™

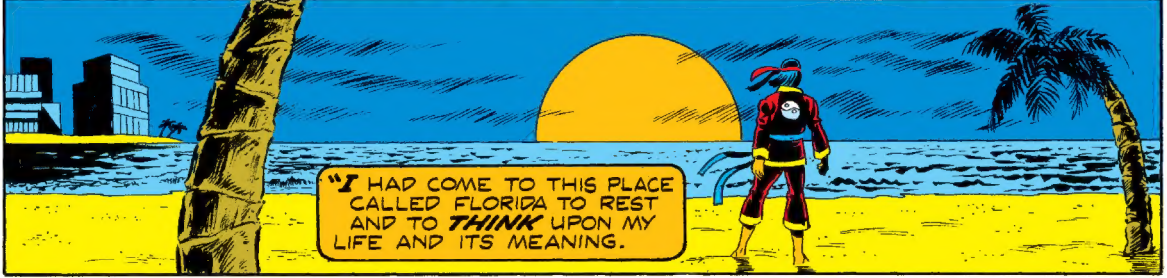
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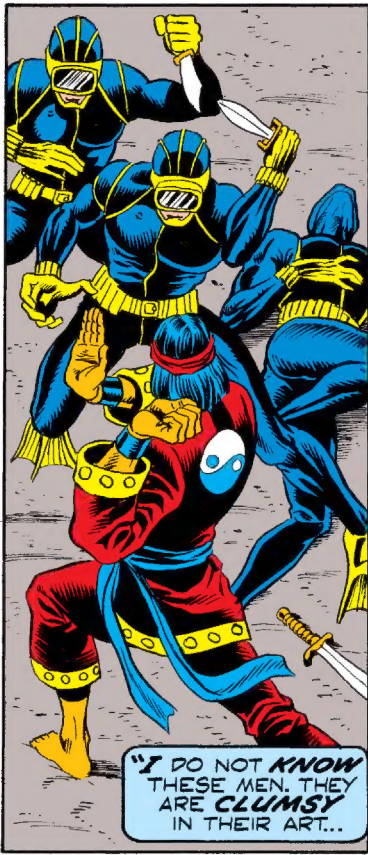
PAUL GULACY
VISION

AL MILGROM
WEIGHT

DAVE HUNT
LETTERS
G. ROUSSOS
COLORS

ROY THOMAS
DIRECTION





"I DO NOT *KNOW* THESE MEN. THEY ARE *CLUMSY* IN THEIR ART...



"...BUT EVEN A CLUMSY ASSASSIN CAN BE *DEADLY*...



"...IF ONLY TO *HIMSELF*."



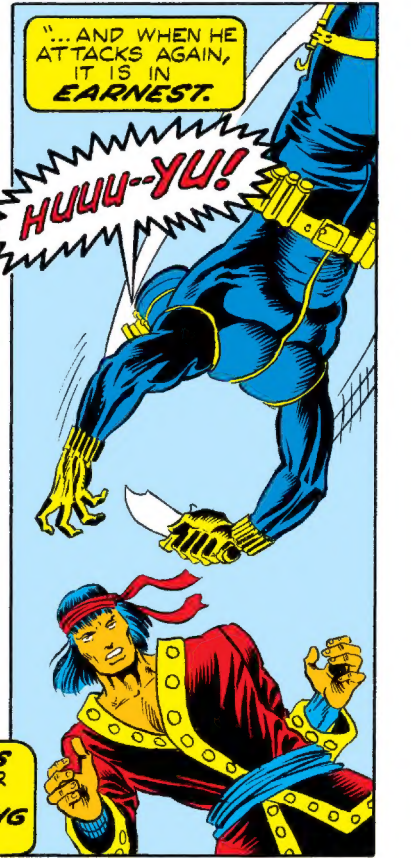
"I TURN NOW TO FACE MY *REMAINING* ASSAILANT. I SENSE THAT *HE* IS THE MOST DANGEROUS OF THE THREE--"

"--FOR IT IS HE WHO HAS *WAITED* AND *WATCHED* WHILE THE OTHERS ATTACKER

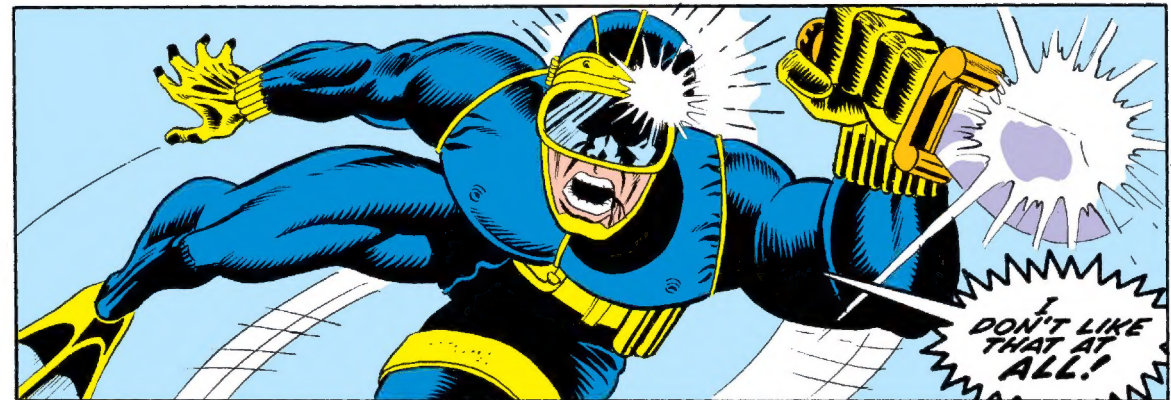
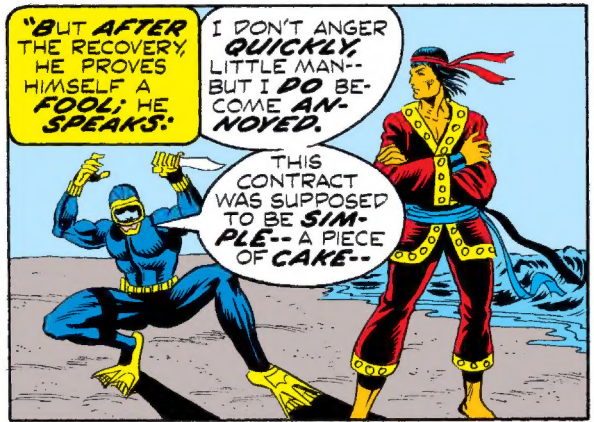
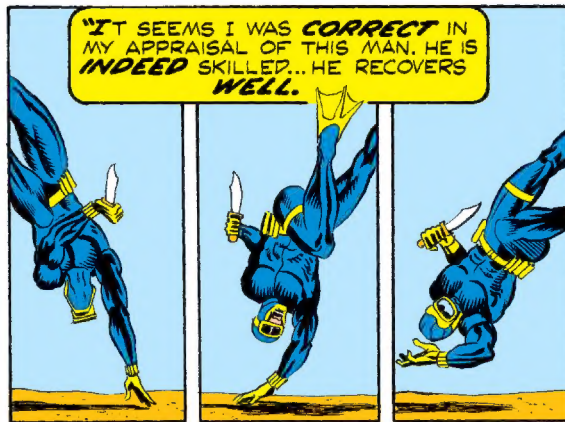
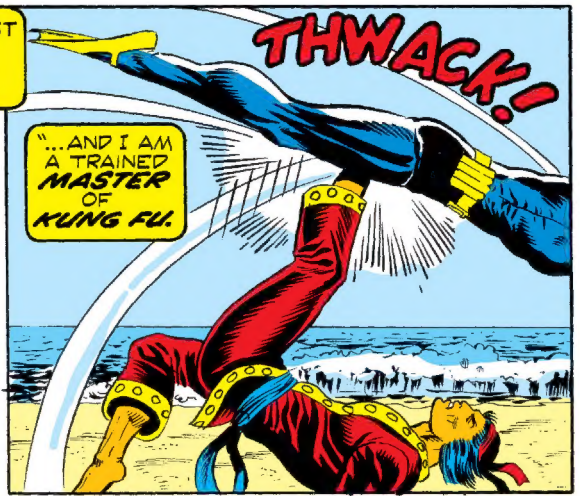


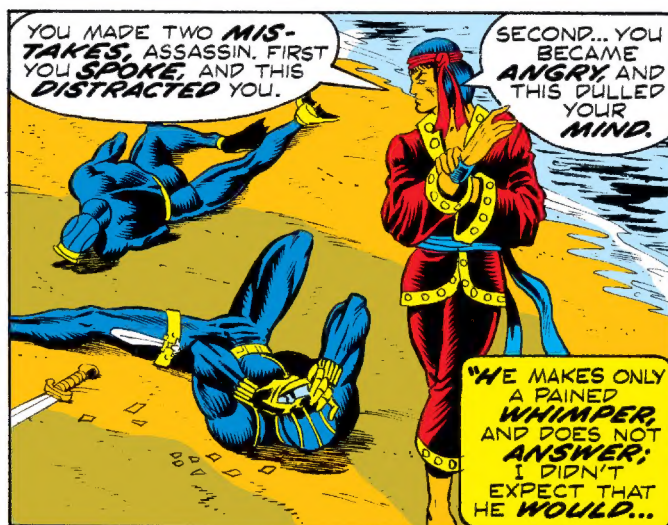
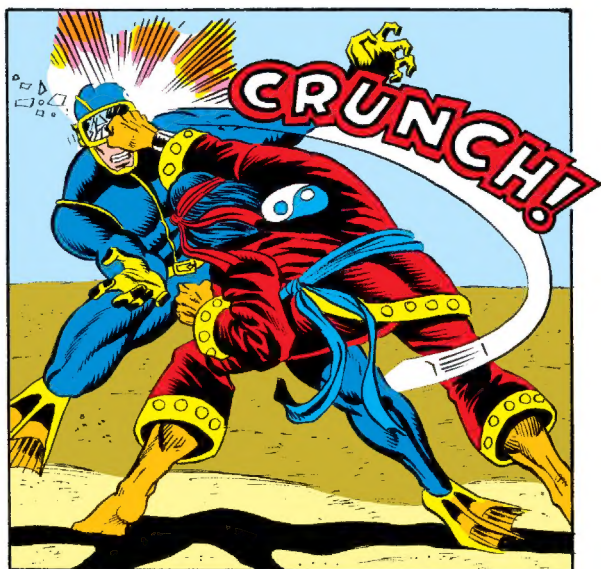
"WITH A GRACE I DID NOT EXPECT, HE STRIKES--*TEN-TATIVELY*-- AND JUDGES MY RESPONSE."

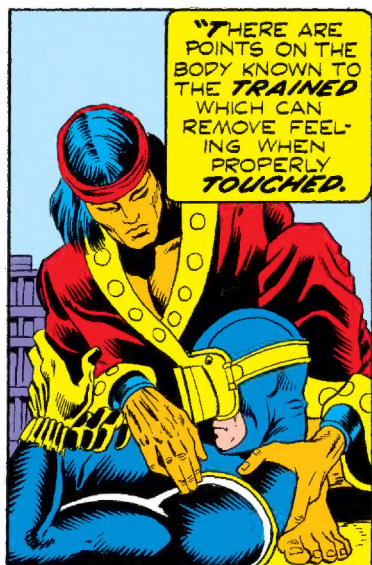
"IN TRUTH, *THIS* MAN IS A MASTER ASSASSIN. HE LEAVES *NOTHING* TO CHANCE..."



"...AND WHEN HE ATTACKS AGAIN, IT IS IN *EARNEST*."







"THERE ARE POINTS ON THE BODY KNOWN TO THE **TRAINED** WHICH CAN REMOVE FEELING WHEN PROPERLY **TOUCHED**."

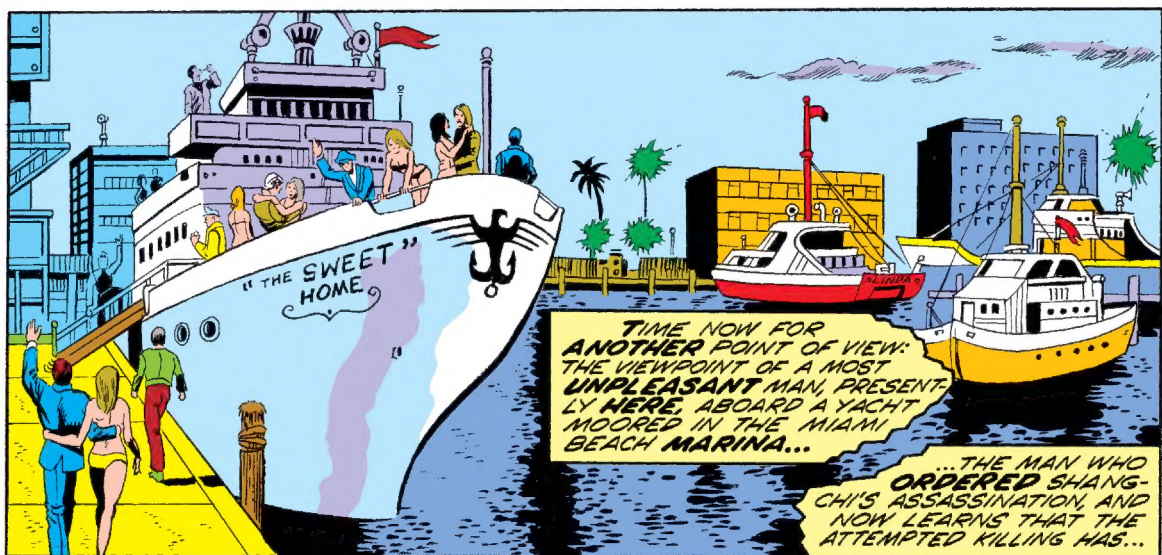


"I HAVE NO **DESIRE** TO INFLICT SUFFERING, AND I WOULD HAVE HELPED THE MAN IN **ANY** CASE, NO DOUBT..."



"...THOUGH **HE** WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IT..."

"...FOR ASSASSINS ARE A PARTICULARLY **UNTRUSTING** LOT, INDEED."



TIME NOW FOR ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW: THE VIEWPOINT OF A MOST **UNPLEASANT** MAN, PRESENTLY **HERE**, ABOARD A YACHT MOORED IN THE **MIAMI BEACH MARINA**...

...THE MAN WHO **ORDERED** SHANG-CHI'S ASSASSINATION, AND NOW **LEARNS** THAT THE ATTEMPTED KILLING HAS...



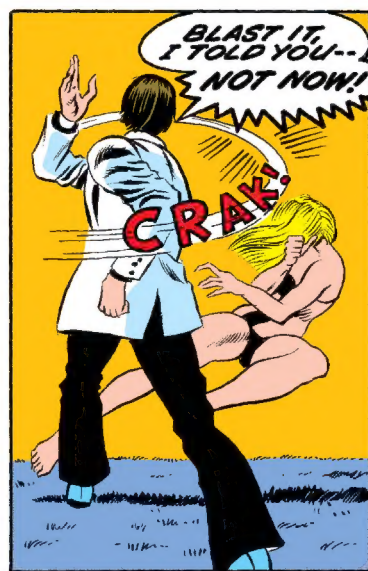
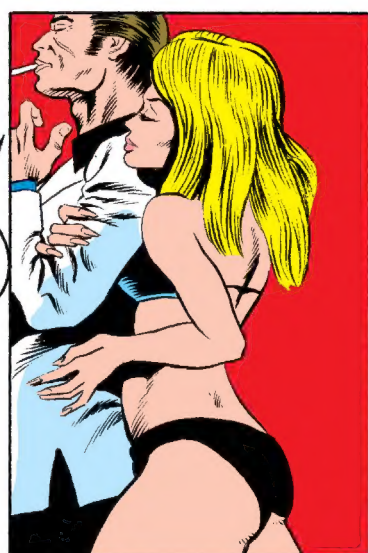
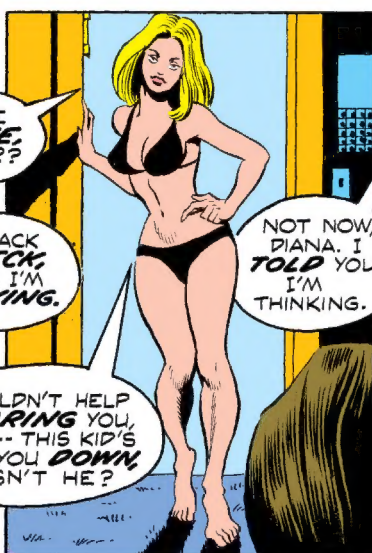
"...**FAILED**, MR. MARSTON."

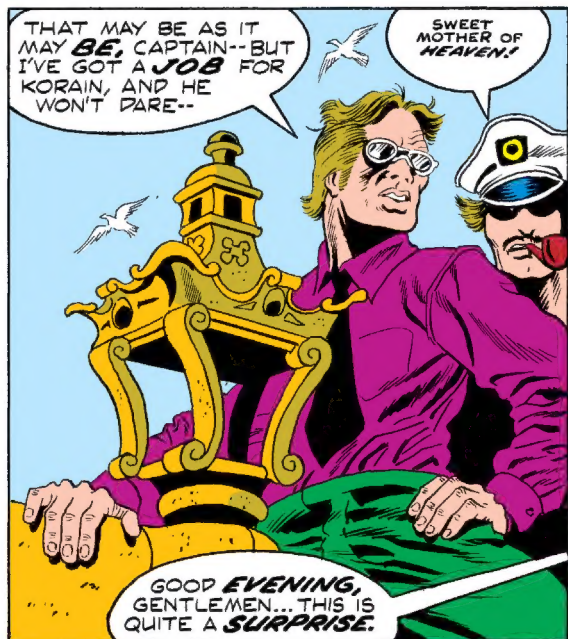
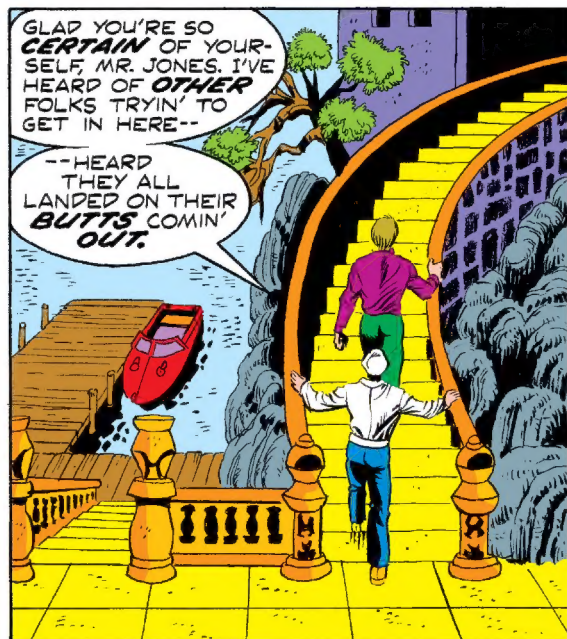
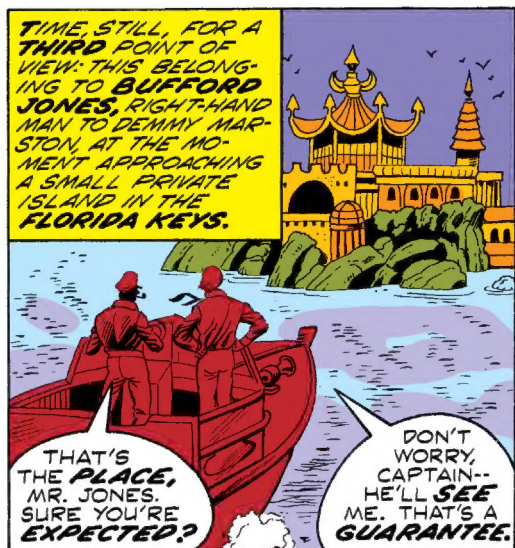
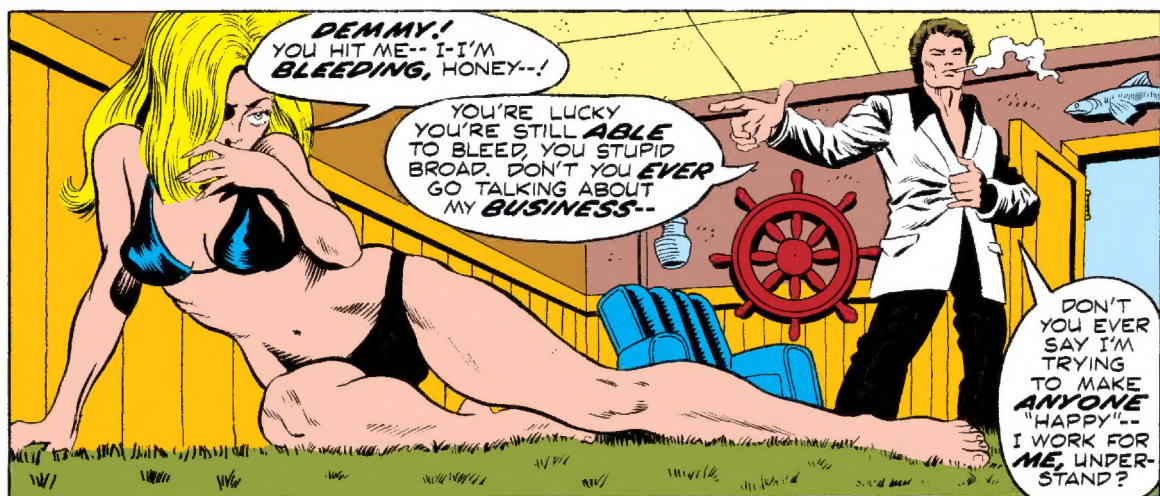
"I SEE. I'M SORRY TO **HEAR** THAT, BUFFORD."

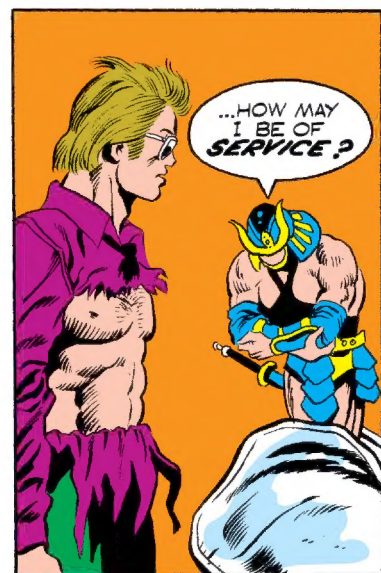
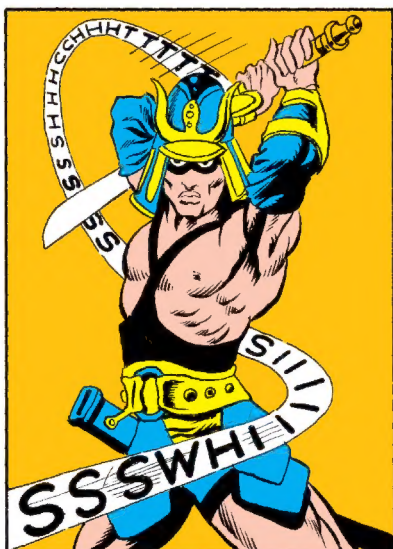


"I'M AFRAID IT **COMPLICATES** MATTERS, SOMEWHAT."

"WE'LL HAVE TO CONTACT **KORAIN**, AFTER ALL."







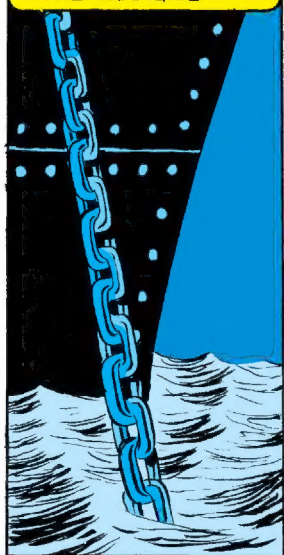
PART TWO: POISON of the SOUL

"IT IS GRAY, AND **ALIEN**...
...A COLD HARD **INTRUDER** TO THE GRACE AND
SERENITY OF THAT WHICH
IT **DISPLACES**..."



"...SEEN HERE, IN THE SILENT
DARKNESS DEEPER THAN **NIGHT**..."

"...SEEN **HERE**, BELOW
THE TRANQUIL--"

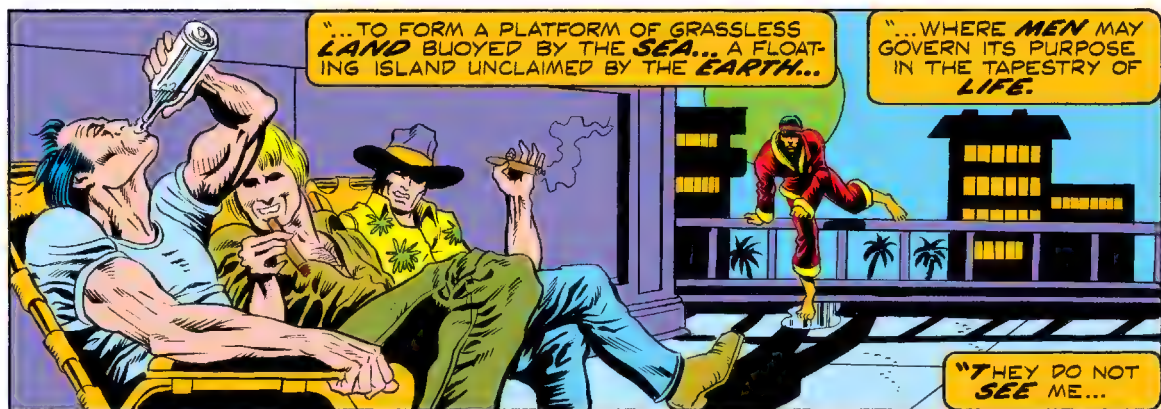


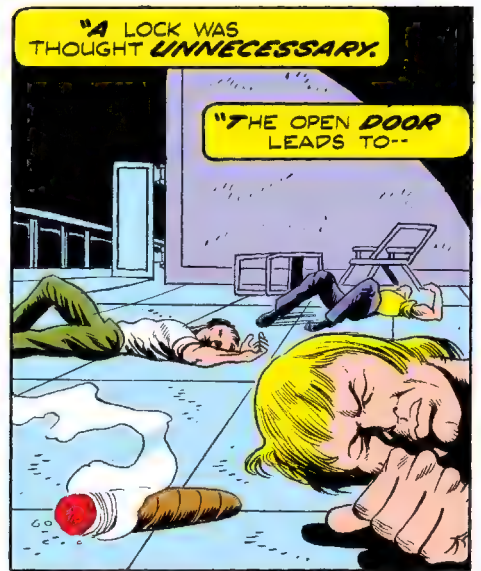
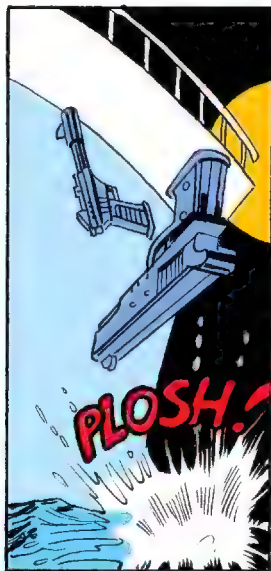
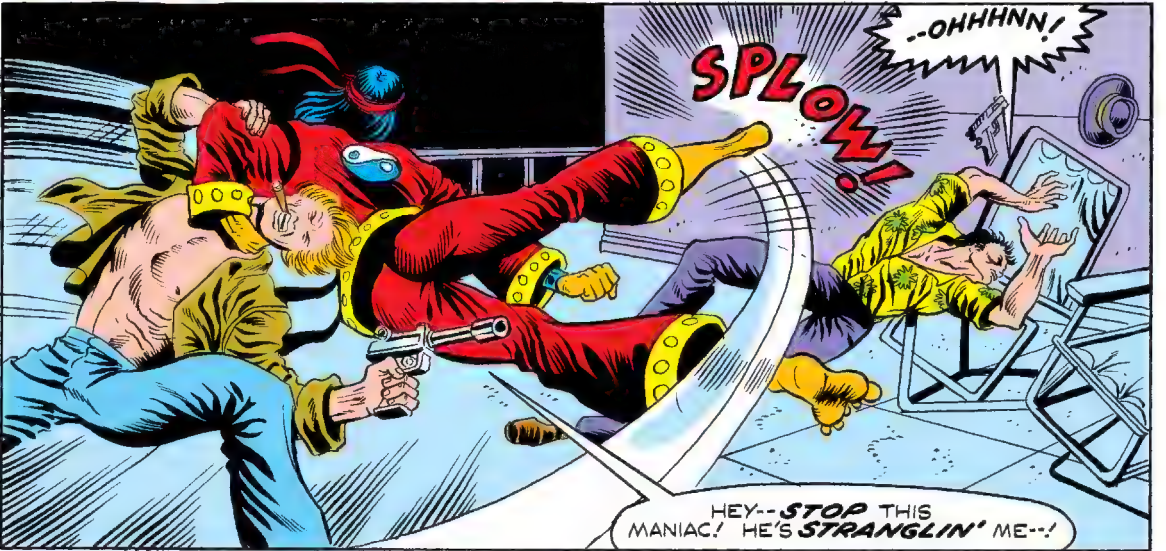
"**ABOVE**
THE
SEA--"

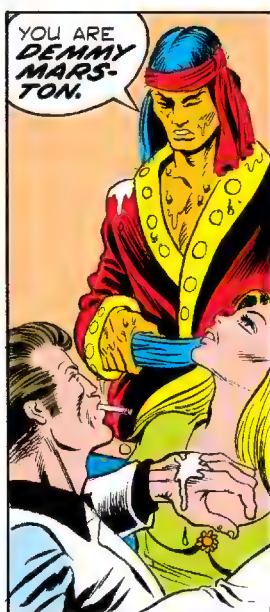
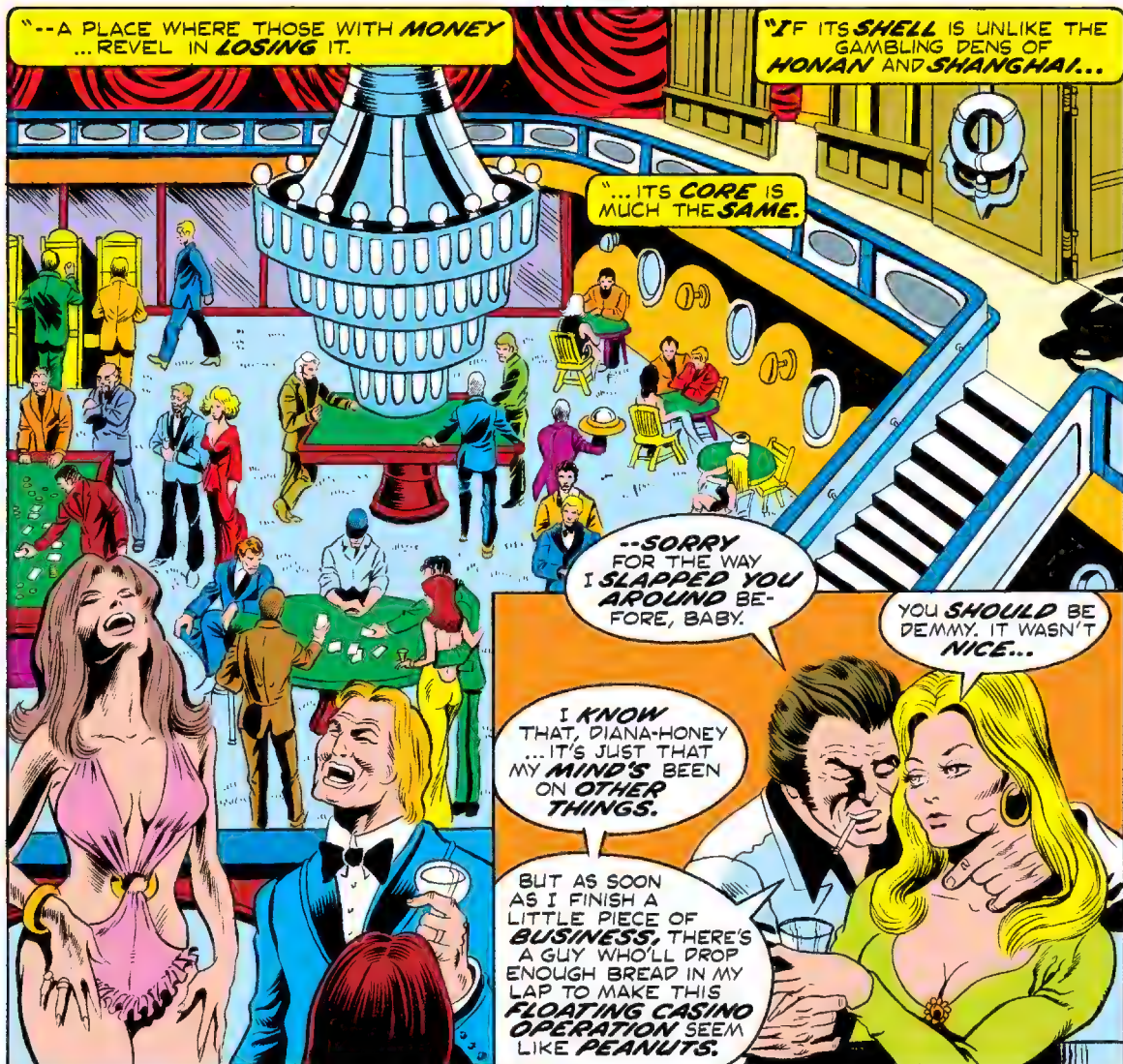


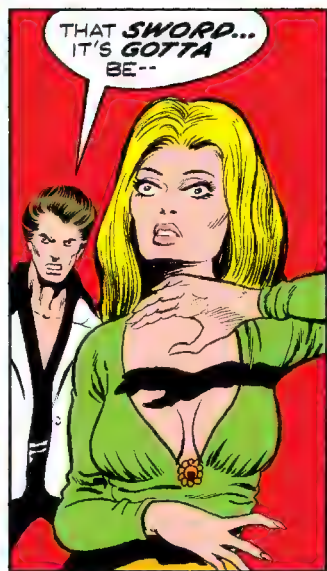
"--IT **RISES**..."





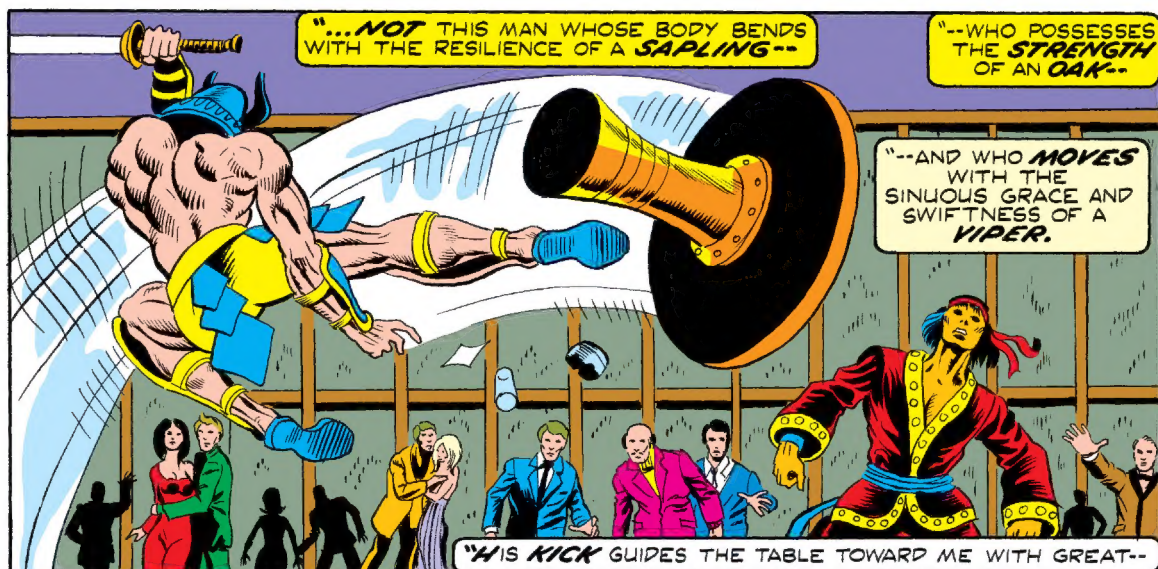
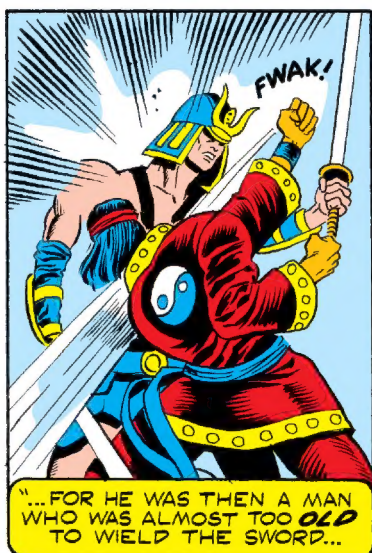
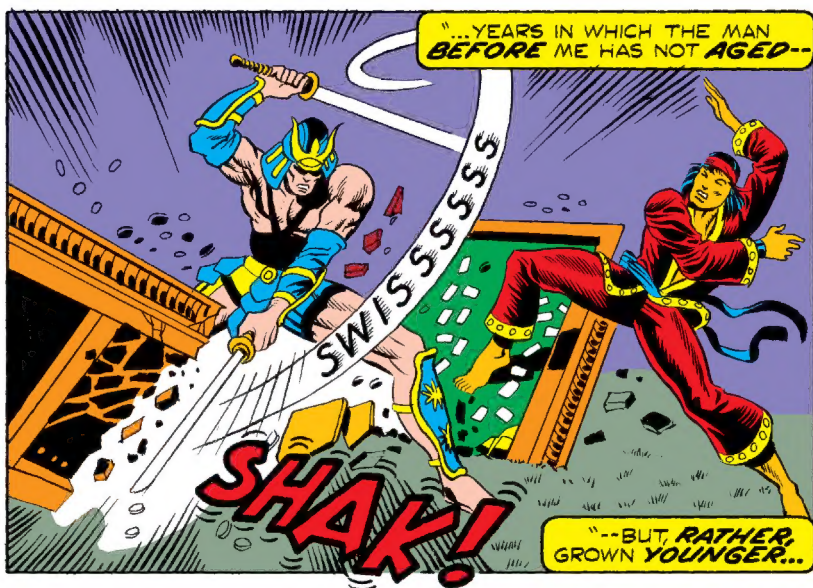


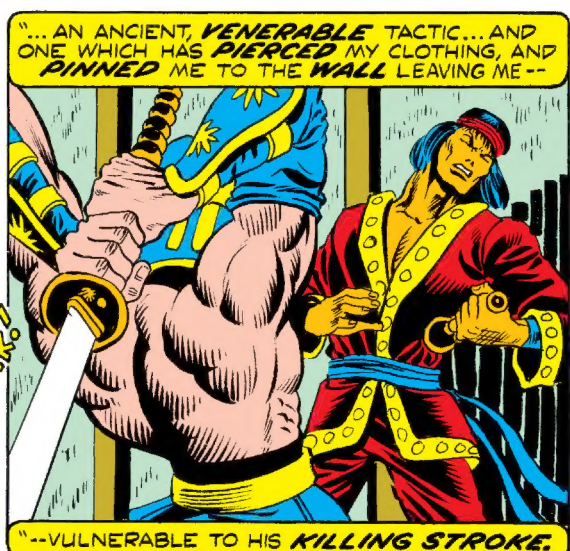
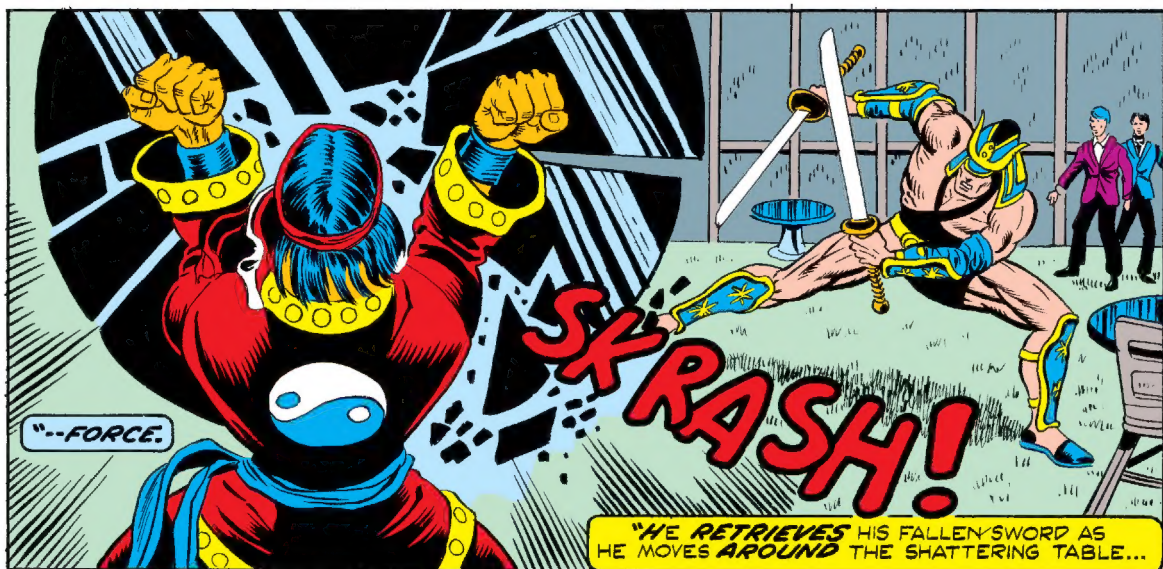






"KORAIN... I REMEMBER THE MAN. HIS UNSURPASSED SKILL WITH THE SAMURAI GAINED HIM A POSITION OF HIGH RESPECT IN MY FATHER'S COURT IN HONAN..."

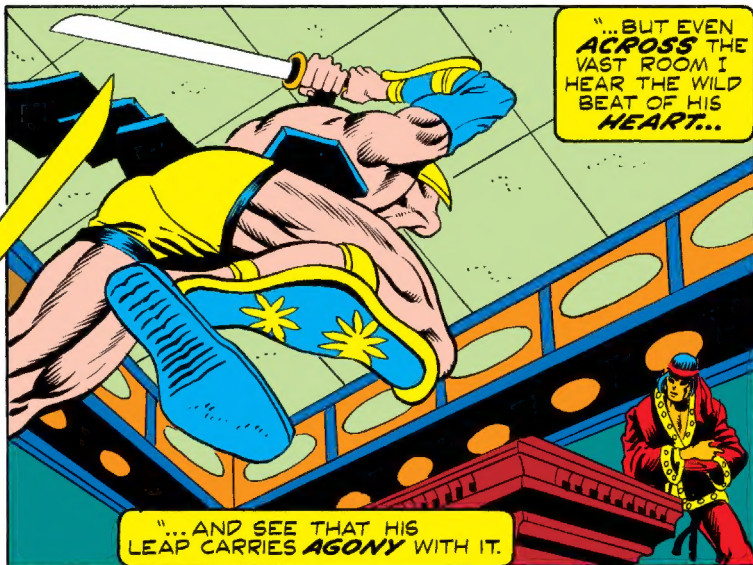




"...IN TIME TO SEE THE
ELIXIR'S POWER BLOSSOM
WITHIN HIM.



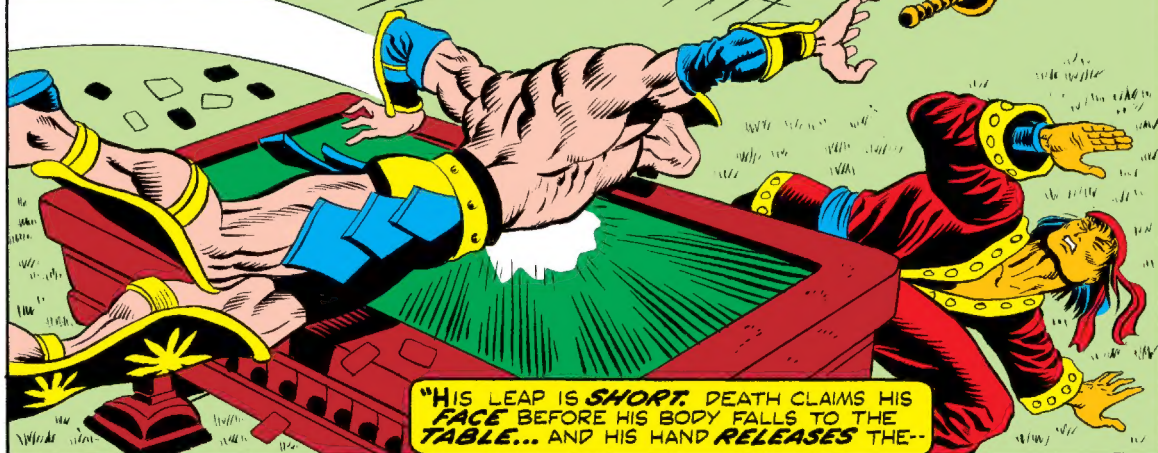
"THE RAPTURE OF RENEWED
YOUTH AND STRENGTH
FILLS HIM WITH *ECSTASY*...



"...BUT EVEN
ACROSS THE
VAST ROOM I
HEAR THE WILD
BEAT OF HIS
HEART...

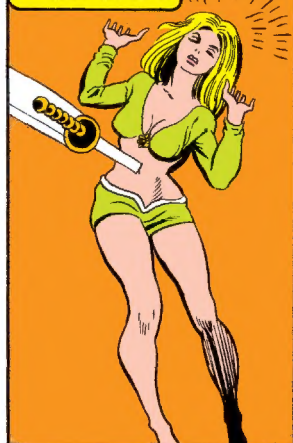
"...AND SEE THAT HIS
LEAP CARRIES *AGONY* WITH IT.

"KORAIN HAS USED THE
ELIXIR MORE TIMES THAN
HIS HEART MAY *ENDURE*.



"HIS LEAP IS *SHORT*. DEATH CLAIMS HIS
FACE BEFORE HIS BODY FALLS TO THE
TABLE... AND HIS HAND *RELEASES* THE--

"--*SWORD*."

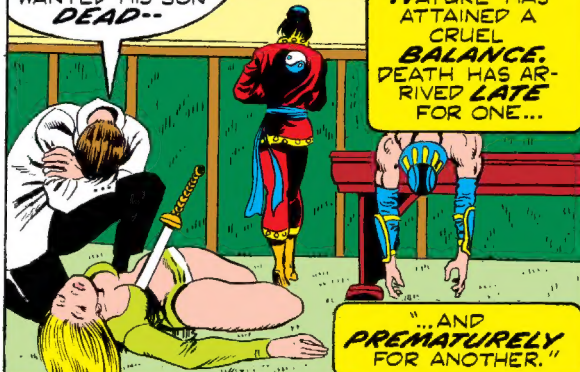


DIANA--!

MY
GOD--
DIANA!!

FORGIVE ME,
DIANA-- BUT I DID
IT FOR YOU. I
KNEW FU MANCHU
WANTED HIS SON
DEAD--

--THOUGHT HE'D *REWARD*
ME... IF I ARRANGED SHANG-
CHI'S DEATH...



"NATURE HAS
ATTAINED A
CRUEL
BALANCE.
DEATH HAS AR-
RIVED *LATE*
FOR ONE...

"...AND
PREMATURELY
FOR ANOTHER."

NEXT
ISSUE: **MURDER AT MARINELAND**

Shadowcat

